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FOURTH CO-DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY IN OXYCONTIN CASE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a fourth co-defendant pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin.

Wanda F. Thompson, 52, whose address is unknown, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to charges contained in a June 30, 2004, federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Thompson** admitted that she conspired with others to distribute between 150 and 400 grams of Oxycontin between Oct. 1, 2003, and March 31, 2004.

Thompson is the fourth co-defendant to plead guilty in this case.

On March 2, 2005, **Francis M. Summe**, 51, of Fort Mitchell, Ky., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin. By pleading guilty, **Summe** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute Oxycontin from Oct. 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004. **Summe** admitted that he and others illegally obtained the Oxycontin by procuring prescriptions of the narcotic from doctors. In total, the co-defendants conspired to distribute at least 400 grams of Oxycontin, Graves said.

On Feb. 17, 2005, **Tammy Leavoy-Hines**, 43, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin. By pleading guilty, **Leavoy-Hines** admitted that she conspired with others to distribute Oxycontin from Oct. 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004.

On Oct. 20, 2004, **Robert Wise**, 37, of Overland Park, Kan., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute Oxycontin. By pleading guilty, **Wise** also admitted that he conspired with others to distribute Oxycontin from Oct. 1, 2003, and March 31, 2004.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the U.S. Marshal's Office.

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